



## Late September/October Events

### DSF Northern California Student Dinner



On Sept. 28, DSF's Northern California Advisory Council joined students and staff for a dinner, followed by worship with gathering-desire.

### Seed Planters News



On Sept. 30, **Lori Tapia**, a DSF/CST student (M.Div.) and Interim National Pastor for Hispanic Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), brought an inspirational and encouraging message to DSF Seed Planters titled, "Uniquely and Authentically You: Anticipating New Places, New Spaces and New Visions for Ministry!"

### DSF Board Dinner & Closing Worship



On Oct. 5, DSF/CST students spoke about thier experiences at the DSF board dinner. We had a great time of fellowship and a delicious meal, courtesy of Chef **Leah Laird**.



On Oct. 6, DSF's Board of Trustees concluded their time in Claremont with worship at CST's Kresge Chapel. Special thanks to SFTS Professor Yolanda Norton, who preached a sermon titled "For Such a Time as This" (based on Esther 4:9-14), and our trustees and students who participated in the worship service. Board members: Save the date! **The date of our next meeting is: May 11-12, 2017.**

### Tennessee Regional Assembly



On Oct. 7-8, DSF/CST student **Leah White** (M.Div.) attended the Tennessee Regional Assembly in Chapel Hill, TN, where she led music with an All-Assembly Choir for the evening worship service. Leah had this to say about RA: "There was meaningful conversation, stimulating preachers and reconciling worship all focused around anti-racism and reconciliation. The goal was to create agents of change and wholeness in a fragmented world."

### Dr. Huberto Pimentel teaches CMS Course



On Oct. 11, Dr. Huberto Pimentel taught the Pastoral Care & Counseling CMS Block Course in Claremont, CA.

### Trips to Israel/Palestine



On Oct. 12, DSF/CST students **Nancy Fowler** (Ph.D.) and **Young Lan Kim** (D.Min.) and graduate **Rev. Nora Jacob** (M.Div./2014) spoke about their respective trips to Israel/Palestine at DSF@The Table on 10/11. Thank you for sharing your stories. We're grateful for your passion to raise awareness about the conflict and shed light on the plight of our Palestinian brothers and sisters.

### Seed Planters News



On Oct. 21, Seed Planters 4.0 welcomed special guest speaker, Dr. Xochitl Alvizo, co-founder of the Pub Church Boston, as she exhorted participants to spread the "Seeds of the Revolution: Radical Participation in the Body of Christ" at DSF.

### Anti-Racism Training

On Oct. 28-29, Rev. April Johnson, Executive Director/Minister of Reconciliation for the CC(DOC), Rev. David Bell, the Minister for Indigenous Peoples Concerns at Yakama Christian Mission in Washington state, and Rev. Shayne Flowers facilitated an anti-racism training workshop at DSF Claremont.



## Upcoming Events

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### **“Building an Inclusive Church” • November 4**

Time/Location: 8:45 a.m. – 4 p.m. / PSR’s Bade Museum

- This workshop is being offered in Berkeley, CA
  - RSVP: <https://goo.gl/forms/PFArRbAMvhtmlAsLa2>
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### **Committee on Ministry Information Session w/ Susan Gonzalez-Dewey • November 4**

Time/Location: 9 – 11 a.m. / DSF Claremont

- Please RSVP to JoAnn at [jbynum@dsf.edu](mailto:jbynum@dsf.edu)
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### **AZ Regional Assembly • November 4-5**

Location: East Mesa Christian Church, AZ

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### **DSF/GTU student Jessica McFarland’s (Ph.D.) commissioning • November 6**

Time/Location: 5-7 p.m. / Chapel of the Great

Commission 1798 Scenic Avenue Berkeley, CA 94709

- RSVP/More information: <https://goo.gl/X9OUfM>
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### **Fellowship for Mission and Peace: Trauma and Resilience with Sue Park Hur • November 11**

Time/Location: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. / DSF Claremont

- CEUs will be offered, and lunch will be provided
  - Please RSVP to Leah at [llaird@dsf.edu](mailto:llaird@dsf.edu), and let her know if you have any dietary restrictions
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### **PSWR Disaster Recovery Ministry Training November 12**

Time/Location: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. / DSF Claremont

- 0.75 CEUs will be offered
  - Lunch will be provided
  - Please RSVP to Leah at [llaird@dsf.edu](mailto:llaird@dsf.edu), and let her know if you have any dietary restrictions
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### **DSF@The Table • November 15**

Time/Location: 5 – 7 p.m. / DSF Claremont

- Dinner Provided
  - Please RSVP to Leah at [llaird@dsf.edu](mailto:llaird@dsf.edu), and let her know if you have any dietary restrictions
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### **Dr. Monica Coleman, CST Professor, Bipolar Faith Presentation and Signing • November 15**

Time/Location: 6 – 8 p.m. / McCarty Memorial CC

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### **Ordination of MA Sempari, DSF/PSR graduate (M.Div./2015) • November 19**

Time: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Location: Fremont Congregational Church

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### **AAR/SBL Conference • November 19-22**

Location: San Antonio

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### **DSF Closed for Thanksgiving • November 23-25**

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### **Hope/NBA Event: “Should We Start a Church or a Nonprofit?” • December 2**

Time/Location: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. / DSF Claremont

- CEUs offered: 0.3
  - Join Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation and National Benevolent Association in interactive discernment exercises to consider the call to do ministry differently. The New Church Movement and Incubate Initiative collaborate to create space to explore the Why?, the What?, and everything in between of starting new ministries. What is social entrepreneurship? And, for that matter, what is church? Determine what is right for you. Facilitators: Pastor Terrell McTyre, Minister of New Church Strategies, Hope Partnership; Ayanna Johnson Watkins, Director of NBA Incubate Initiative, National Benevolent Association.
  - Please RSVP to Leah at [llaird@dsf.edu](mailto:llaird@dsf.edu)
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### **Effective Citizenship Training • December 3**

Time/Location: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. / DSF Claremont

- CEUs will be offered and lunch will be provided
  - Please RSVP to Leah at [llaird@dsf.edu](mailto:llaird@dsf.edu), and let her know if you have any dietary restrictions
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### **End of the Year Xmas Dinner Claremont December 13**

Time/Location: 6:30 p.m. / DSF Claremont

- Please RSVP to Leah at [llaird@dsf.edu](mailto:llaird@dsf.edu), and let her know if you have any dietary restrictions
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### **End of the Year Xmas Dinner Northern California**

Time/Location: TBD

- For more information and to RSVP contact Laura Jean Torgerson at [ljtorgerson@dsf.edu](mailto:ljtorgerson@dsf.edu).
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## News & Announcements

### Rev. Dr. Aaron Wonil Park's Book



Rev. Dr. Aaron Wonil Park, a former DSF staff member and current co-pastor at Saegil CC in Burbank, published a book titled "The Gospel of Mark: A Political Reading" in Korean. He spoke about his book on Sept. 29 at DSF.

### Mental Illness/Mental Health Awareness

Oct. 2-8 was National Mental Illness Awareness Week and Oct. 10 was World Mental Health Day, which is sponsored by the World Health Organization. Last year's Disciples General Assembly approved Resolution 1523: Becoming a People of Welcome and Support to People with Mental Illness and/or Mental Health Disorders. DSF has kept this resolution in our thoughts and prayers regularly through the past year. The church has much to offer to the approximately 60 million people in this country who live with mental health issues, and we recognize that the church has often been a source of prejudice and stigma instead of a force for inclusion and healing.

At DSF this year, we have been expanding our ministry on a number of health-related issues, recognizing that mental, psychological, neurological, physical, and social well-being are intertwined. We are grateful for the Disciples who have put these matters on our church's agenda, especially our DSF/SFTS graduate **Rev. Mary Alice Do**, who authored the resolution, and our new board member **Rev. Ailsa Guardiola Gonzalez**, pastor of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Tucson, AZ, the first sponsoring congregation for the resolution.

For more information please see:

<https://goo.gl/T6P3Vz>

The Disciples GA resolution is available at:

<https://goo.gl/W2NCI8>

NBA's affinity group is at:

<https://www.nbacares.org/mental-health>

### DSF at the PSWR's Regional Assembly



We had a great time of fellowship at Regional Assembly at FCC Fullerton (Oct. 14-15). It's always great to see our students, graduates, board members, and friends. Many of our staff, students, and graduates led worship and workshops, and congratulations again to DSF's Director of Mission and Peace Education, **Rev. Jinsuk Chun**, and our friends at Sallims Christian Church for receiving full standing by the region.

### Christopher L. Schilling's Ordination



Please help us congratulate DSF/SFTS graduate Christopher L. Schilling, who was ordained at the Christian Church of Pacific Grove on Sunday, October 16. Congratulations Chris!



## Dr. Aquiles Ernesto Martínez



CMS Introduction to the New Testament Block Course on October 20 in San Diego was taught by a professor new to the CMS Program. Rev. Dr. Aquiles Ernesto Martínez is a Venezuelan, ordained minister of the United Methodist Church, North Georgia Conference, and Professor of Religion at Reinhardt University, Waleska, GA. He also coordinates a center that helps immigrants, collaborates with some grass-roots organizations, and is involved in theological education in the United States and Latin America.

Dr. Martínez has published many articles and books, among which we may mention the following ones: *Diáspora: fe cristiana y restauración según Santiago*; *Interpretación bíblica con sabor latino: una invitación al diálogo desde la diáspora*; *Introducción al Nuevo Testamento*; *Después de Damasco: El apóstol Pablo desde una perspectiva latina*; *Tito y Timoteo*; and *El Bautismo: puerta de entrada a una nueva vida en Cristo*.

## Letter from Christina Cheon

The letter below is from Christina Cheon, a recent Chapman graduate and member of Sallims Church, a Disciples/NAPAD congregation located in Newport Beach. She is one of the co-founders of a music non-profit organization, Southern California Marimba, and their goal is to empower young musicians and offer free educational programs to schools in Southern California

“I am one of nine staff members who volunteer in running the @Southern California Marimba Concert Series. We are passionate about showing this beautiful instrument to as many people as possible and giving free opportunities for students to experience the concerts that we produce twice per year.

We started a fundraiser last month to continue our concert activities for the next few years and expand our free music outreach for underprivileged communities (Link: [www.facebook.com/scmarimbaconcertseries](http://www.facebook.com/scmarimbaconcertseries)). We also want to visit schools directly and provide free music clinics for students, because we believe it is hugely important to make our educational activities open and accessible to as many children and youths as possible regardless of socio-economic status.

We need help with receiving 501(c)(3) status so that we can apply for more funding and continue our programs. Our marimba/percussion community needs organizational support to continue their work as today's performer and artists, and this would be the first of its kind in Southern California or anywhere else in the world. If you would be willing to support our work for SCM or simply want to read more about what we've been doing, here is a link to our fundraiser: <https://igg.me/at/scmnonprofit>. Thank you so much, and I hope that you could keep us in your thoughts and prayers for us to continue working for our future generation of young artists and concert-goers.



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